

**Resolution authorizing the 2024 vehicle commitment with Byers Ford, LLC.  
(Fleet Management)**

**WHEREAS**, Fleet Management has established an annual replacement schedule for all vehicles in the Board of Commissioners' Fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, Byers Ford, LLC is the contract vendor for Fleet Automobiles pursuant to the contract approved by Resolution No. 0191-23, and which expires March 22, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford Motor Company and other automotive manufacturers continues to experience supply chain issues throughout 2023 and production has been severely impacted. Less than half of the 2023 model year vehicles ordered have been delivered to date; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford Motor Company has committed to completing all the 2023 cruiser orders even if that takes them into early 2024. They are limiting the next model year production to what is attainable. The time frame to order each model is extremely short and the available production is taken quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, Fleet Management continues to seek alternative fuel vehicles and preferably hybrid electric vehicles for all replacement vehicles when possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Fleet Management's Capital Fund replacement plan for 2024 includes plans to replace thirty police package hybrid cruisers, three hybrid K9 cruisers, three transportation vans for Sheriff's Facilities Security, one truck for Animal Control, two hybrid SUVs for Adult Probation, one stake body truck with lift gate for PFM, six hybrid SUVs for various Sheriff's Office divisions, and three hybrid pool vehicles for Fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for Fleet Management to meet the order window deadline for these specific vehicles, a commitment must be provided to Byers Ford, LLC so the order can be placed on our behalf; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That the commitment to purchase the following vehicles from Byers Ford, LLC in the amount of \$2,494,000 is hereby approved:
  - thirty police package hybrid cruisers,
  - three K9 hybrid cruisers,
  - three transportation vans for Sheriff's Facilities Security,
  - six hybrid SUVs for various Sheriff's Office divisions,
  - two hybrid SUVs for Adult Probation,
  - one truck for Animal Control,
  - one stake body truck with lift gate for PFM, and
  - three hybrid pool vehicles for Fleet
2. That purchase orders will be opened in the ensuing fiscal year to encumber the funds necessary to meet the obligations for this contract since no expenditures are expected to be made in the current fiscal year.

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